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System and Method for Voice Control of Medical

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Dear Sir:

## **RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION**

In response to the Official Action mailed October 11, 2006 and a telephone interview with the Examiner on December 7, 2006, solely for the purpose of advancing prosecution of this case and without addressing the veracity of Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Group I (Claims 1-39). Group II (Claims 40-45) is withdrawn from the above-identified patent application without prejudice or disclaimer. This election is made to expedite issuance of a patent from this Application. Applicant does not necessarily agree with or acquiesce to the Examiner's conclusion reflected in the Office Action.